

USFS – Tahoe National Forest

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding. Additionally, Applicants may not charge a use fee for vehicles and/or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance cost.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended or project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #1b(v) – Applicant is advised the ratio score contained in #1b(v) will be auto-populated and made official by the Division at final application submission.
- #2 - #5, Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #11b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must identify the specific, Applicant and/or Land Manager initiated, educational events to support selection. Points for ATV ASI and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation is provided in question 11d
- #12a&b – Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #13 – Applicant must verify response by final submission.

Ground Operations – Ground Operations

G16-02-20-G01

Project Description

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship have also applied for a Ground Operation grant in the Tahoe National Forest. Applicant needs to identify specific areas where Project activities will be performed to ensure there is no duplication of services.
Project Cost Estimate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff – “EZ Recreation Officer”, Applicant must identify the duties being performed. Staff – “TNF Road Crew for EZ” 22. & 23. Positions appear duplicative of one another. Applicant must identify the duties being performed. Contracts – “TNF RD Mtnc...” and “TNF ML2 Rd Mtnc Road Crew” Applicant must provide more information for how the value was determined including how many miles of trail will be maintained. Contracts – “Cal-Fire CDC Crews”, Applicant must explain the source and type of match. Note that a contractor cannot provide in-kind match. Others – “EZ Water Testing Fee”, is a contract cost. Applicant must move to the Contract Category. Others – “TNF Volunteer labor trail mtnc”, ...” is a staff cost. Applicant must move to the Staff Category.
Evaluation Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> #4 – Applicant must explain where the stakeholder meetings were held. #7 – Project Description does not affirm any of the selections.

Development – Cal-Ida Trail Development	G16-02-20-D01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A: Applicant must clarify if the project provides OHV recreational opportunities to motorcycles (only) or access for multiuse. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff – Maintenance Worker (line items 4 Maintenance Worker, 5 Maintenance Worker, and 6 Maintenance Worker) – Line items and project duties appear duplicative. Applicant must further clarify the duties for each position or combine line items totals into one Maintenance Worker line item if it three different people performing the maintenance worker duties. Contracts – CDC Cal-Fire Crews – Applicant must clarify how they are contributing match to the project. Equipment Use Expenses – ½ ton pick up and ½ ton pick up – Line items appear duplicative. Applicant must further clarify the difference between the line items or remove one of the line items. 	
Evaluation Criteria	

- #9 – Project Description only supports the selection of mountain biking. Applicant must reference other selections within the Project Description.
- #10 – Narrative does not support the response. Applicant must provide the location of the meeting(s) with distinct stakeholders and explain how the participants of the stakeholder meeting are stakeholders to the project.

Development – Little Sugar Development	G16-02-20-D02
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – TNF OHV Program Manager – Applicant must identify the duties they will perform towards the completion of the project deliverables. • Contracts – Cal Fire CDC Crew – Applicant must specify the source of match. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2c – Applicant must provide the date of the reference document. • #3 – Applicant must clarify what DM stands for. • #10 – Narrative does not support the response. Applicant must provide the location of the meeting(s) with distinct stakeholders and explain how the participants of the stakeholder meeting are stakeholders to the project. 	

Restoration – Restoration Tahoe NF	G16-02-20-R01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section A – Project seems to be a two phased Project. Applicant must clarify. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must define all acronyms used for all items (LS,PH, RG, HN, EZ, RW, SF, DU, RR, JW, CS). • Staff- EZ Soil Scientist, Hydrologist, Aquatic Biologist, Road Specialist, OHV Specialist, Archaeologist- Applicant must provide explanation of activities to be completed and how they are related to Project Deliverables. • Contract- ARRD Excavator Rental- Item must be moved to Equipment Use expense. • Contract- ARRD- Transport of Excavator- Item must be moved to Equipment Use expense. • ARRD- Cal Fire CDC Crew- Applicant must explain what is being paid for through the Grant. Applicant must explain the source of match. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment Use Expense- Vehicle Mileage Ford F350, Chevy ½ ton- ". Applicant must explain why different rates are listed and why they exceed the current federal rate.
Evaluation Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> #7- Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must list how stakeholders are stakeholders in the process. #8- Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must list how partners are partners in the Project. #11- Project Description does not support selection of more than 10 acres of sensitive habitat being restored.

Education and Safety – Education & Safety TNF Hot Spots	G16-02-20-S01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant must substantiate the increase in request from \$50,000.00 from prior grant cycle to \$65,406.00. Applicant needs to identify acronyms (AR, EZ). 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff – “5. EZ OHV Manager”. Applicant must provide additional detail regarding training staff. Staff – “10. Staff TNF Manager”, is only eligible as an Indirect Cost and must be moved to the Indirect Costs Category. Applicant must revise cost-estimate accordingly. Staff – “11. AR Trails Assistant”. Applicant must provide additional details regarding duties. Materials & Supplies – “3. – 4. Oil Spill Kits, Human Waste Bags”. It is unclear how the items will be used/distributed. Applicant must provide additional details. Equipment Use – “1. – 4. YR Vehicle Mileage, EZ Vehicle Mileage, AR Vehicle Mileage, TNF Grants Manager Mileage”. Applicant must clarify why mileage rates are different. Rates must be at US Forest Service rate. AR vehicle mileage rate appears excessive. Equipment Use – “3. AR Vehicle Mileage”. Applicant must provide type(s) of vehicles and purpose. Equipment Use – “4. TNF Grants Manager Mileage”, only eligible as an Indirect Cost and must be moved to the Indirect Costs Category. Applicant must revise cost-estimate accordingly. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> #6. – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant does not identify how stakeholders are stakeholders to this project; they only appear to be related to ground ops. Applicant must provide additional detail to substantiate selection. #8. - Narrative does not support the selections; “Hands on Learning”, “Formal Class Setting”. Methods of education are for the public, not volunteers. Applicant 	

must provide additional detail.

- #11. - Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant needs to provide more detail regarding the training, including number of classes.